

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-29 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Golf~~A golf ball dispenser comprising an upper container to contain golf balls and a flange to receive the balls coming from the container and supply a dispenser arm with balls one by one, such dispenser arm being arranged substantially vertically in a rest position and comprising means, arranged in the upper part close to the flange, ~~off~~for pivoting around a horizontal axis when a golf ball is dispensed.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the flange comprises a tubular receptacle through which the golf balls from the container pass to reach the dispenser arm.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the receptacle comprises an upper part with a diameter designed to guide the golf balls from the container one by one, and a lower part with a larger diameter than the upper part.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the dispenser arm is partly inserted into a lower part of the receptacle, the pivot axis of the dispenser arm being securely attached to such lower part of the receptacle.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 4, characterised in that~~ claim 2, wherein the upper end of the dispenser arm comprises a bevel to allow the dispenser arm to pivot in the receptacle.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the bevel is made along a predetermined angle corresponding to the maximum pivot of the dispenser arm.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of the previous claims, characterised in that~~The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the upper end of the dispenser arm comprises means of preventing a second ball from entering the dispenser arm when the dispenser arm pivots to release a first ball already present in the dispenser arm.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the prevention means consist of a rim of the end of the dispenser arm.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 2 to 8, characterised in that~~The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle comprises a bevel at its lower end acting as a stop for the pivoting of the dispenser arm.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 2 to 9,~~
~~characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the internal diameter of the
dispenser arm is substantially equal to the internal diameter of the upper part of the
receptacle.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 2 to 10,~~
~~characterised in that it comprises~~ The dispenser according to claim 2, further including a
protruding wedge, arranged on the inner surface of the lower part of the receptacle and
cooperating with an opening made in the dispenser arm, such wedge acting to block the ball
inserted in the dispenser arm, with the next ball resting on the first ball; and in that the wedge
is shaped so as to release the golf ball present in the dispenser arm when the said arm pivots.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to claim 11,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wedge has a slope designed to release the ball present in the
dispenser arm when the said dispenser arm reaches a predetermined pivoting angle.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to ~~any one of the~~
~~previous claims, characterised in that it comprises~~ claim 1, further including magnets to hold
the dispenser arm either in the rest position or in the dispensing position.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to claim 13,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein the magnets are arranged in the receptacle.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of the previous claims, characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the dispenser arm comprises a brake allowing for the golf ball to be deposited accurately.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the brake is an “S” shaped bend made close to the lower end of the dispenser arm.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of the previous claims, characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the lower end of the dispenser arm has a cut-out to prevent it from taking with it a golf ball that has just been deposited.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of the previous claims, characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the flange comprises a tripod to hold the dispenser in an upper position.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to claim 18, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tripod comprises telescopic legs.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to claim 18 or 19,~~
~~characterised in that~~The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the tripod comprises two front legs arranged on a vertical plane perpendicular to the direction of movement of the dispenser arm, these two legs facing the user, and a third rear leg arranged on the opposite side to the two front legs relative to the flange.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 18 to 20,~~
~~characterised in that~~The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the two front legs are such that the first leg is approximately vertical and the second leg is sloping to balance the tripod.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~The dispenser according to claim 21,
~~characterised in that~~wherein the flange comprises a reversible block to position the two front legs in a first position in which the left leg is sloping and in a second position in which the right leg is sloping.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 20 to 22,~~
~~characterised in that~~The dispenser according to claim 20, wherein the third rear leg comprises a hook designed to receive a weight to increase the balance of the tripod.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 18 to 23,~~
~~characterised in that~~The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the three legs are

removable and have a diameter such that they can be housed inside the dispenser arm for transport.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of claims 2 to 24,~~
~~characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle is height-adjustable relative to the flange.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of the previous~~
~~claims, characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the upper container consists of a vertical barrel arranged above the flange, the axis of rotation of the barrel being offset relative to the axis of the upper opening of the receptacle.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to claim 26,
~~characterised in that~~ wherein the barrel is topped with a disc comprising peripheral openings facing the cavities in the said barrel in order to guide the balls into these cavities, and a central protrusion to guide the balls towards these peripheral openings, and in that the dispenser also comprises a removable funnel, flared towards the top, that engages with the edge of the disc.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser according to any one of the previous~~
~~claims, characterised in that~~ The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the inside of the dispenser arm comprises several non-concentric rings to slow down the drop of the golf ball.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~Dispenser~~ The dispenser according to claim 28, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the rings are arranged so that the distance between two consecutive rings decreases closer to the lower end of the dispenser arm.